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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 16 September 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Bosnia and Herzegovina (S/1997/694)

Liberia ((S/1997/712)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

3 p.m.	1st PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Malaysia.
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
3. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President of the General Assembly.

Immediately following the plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Consecutive meetings of the Main Committees for the purpose of electing their Chairmen.

Immediately following the meetings of the Main Committees	2nd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	1483rd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Adoption of agenda
2. Tribute to the memory of Dr. Farouk Al-Attar, Minister Counsellor, Syrian Arab Republic and former Rapporteur of the Special Committee
3. Volcanic eruption in Montserrat
4. Activities of foreign economic interests and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under their colonial domination (A/AC.109/L.1864)
5. Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration (A/AC.109/L.1865)
6. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (A/AC.109/L.1866, A/AC.109/L.1867, E/1997/81 and Add.1, A/52/185)
7. Election of Rapporteur
8. Closure of the session

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. World Food Programme
2. Draft report: proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Chapter II

INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

9 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 1997

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	42nd meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

UNDP: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters [3] (DP/1997/23, DP/1997/31)

[There will be a meeting of the donors group at 9 a.m. in Conference Room D.]

[There will be informal consultations on UNDP financial, budgetary and administrative matters (budget estimates for the biennium 1998-1999) from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.]

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), *today*, 16 September 1997, at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room S-2127A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 16 September 1997

GROUP OF 77
(on the draft ministerial declaration)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Announcement

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 17 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	1st meeting	Conference Room 4

Organization of work of the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/52/1).

Committees

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

5 p.m.	1st meeting	Conference Room 8

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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The Fifth Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Friday, 19 September 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3, for the purpose of electing its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its programme of work.

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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DROUGHT AND/OR DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA

Lists of speakers

The first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, will take place in Rome from 29 September to 10 October 1997.

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The list of speakers for the high-level segment is now open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: 963-5742; fax: 963-5935).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The first session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development will be held from 1 to 3 October 1997 in Conference Room 4. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document E/CN.17/IFF/1997/1.

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The Executive Board will hold a workshop on "Narrowing the Focus: UNDP Core Development Services" on Monday, 22 September 1997, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

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There will be an informal Inter-Agency Consultative Meeting (closed) on Wednesday, 17 September 1997, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Conference Room B.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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The Arab Group of the Whole will meet at the ambassadorial level on Wednesday, 17 September, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

On Thursday, 18 September, at 3 p.m. the Arab Group of the Whole will meet in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of Member and Associate Member States of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) on Wednesday, 17 September 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

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There will be an informal meeting of interested delegations with UNDP Resident Representatives present in New York on Thursday, 18 September 1997, from 1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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There will be a meeting of the Least Developed Countries (at the ambassadorial level) on Thursday, 18 September 1997, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5, to finalize the draft Declaration of the Seventh Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries (document No. LDC/MM7/1997/2/Rev.2).

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Briefings for new delegates to the General Assembly

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing the following briefings for the new delegates to the General Assembly:

1. General briefing on the work of the fifty-second session of the General Assembly on Wednesday, 17 and Thursday, 18 September 1997, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. (Conference Room 1).

2. Special briefing on the work of the Second Committee of the General Assembly on Friday, 19 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Conference Room 1).

3. Special briefing on the work of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly on Friday, 19 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Conference Room 3)

Since the Second Committee will hold a formal meeting on Friday, 19 September 1997, in the afternoon, the special briefing on the work of that Committee will take place on 19 September in the morning. For further information on the briefing, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 12 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 74th meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Strengthening of external oversight mechanisms

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee (Bangladesh) and Coordinator of informal consultations on this question made a statement and proposed an oral decision.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the oral decision.

Gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities

In her capacity as Coordinator of informal consultations on this question, the representative of Mexico introduced, on behalf of the Chairman, and orally corrected a draft resolution (A/C.5/51/L.90).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the United States, Costa Rica, Cuba, Pakistan and Egypt.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Following the adoption of draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.90, the representative of Côte d' Ivoire (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) withdrew draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.83.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Japan, the United States and Pakistan.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Construction of additional conference facilities at Addis Ababa

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee (Germany) and Coordinator of informal consultations on this question introduced draft decision A/C.5/51/L.86.

Statements were made by the representatives of Côte d' Ivoire (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United States and Cuba.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Pattern of conferences [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Facilitating access by developing countries to the optical disk system

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee (Germany) and Coordinator of informal consultations on this question introduced draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.87.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [119]

Procedural aspects of the consideration of requests for exemption under Article 19

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee (Germany) and Coordinator of informal consultations on this question introduced draft decision A/C.5/51/L.85.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [141]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

In her capacity as Coordinator of informal consultations on this question, the representative of the Philippines introduced on behalf of the Chairman draft decision A/C.5/51/L.88.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Human resources management [120]

Letter from the Secretary-General addressed to the Chairman of the Group of 77 and China (A/51/955 and A/C.5/51/58)

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the letter of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/51/58) in response to the letter addressed to him by the Chairman of the Group of 77 and China (A/51/955).

Statements were made by the representatives of Côte d' Ivoire (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Algeria, the United States, Cuba and India.

The Committee decided to revert to this question at its fifty-second session.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [140]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Support account for peacekeeping operations: Lessons Learned Unit

In his capacity as Coordinator of informal consultations on this question, the representative of Australia introduced on behalf of the Chairman draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.89.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, China and Canada.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of the United States, the Netherlands and France.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Other matters

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement and requested that his statement made at the Committee's 57th meeting on 13 May 1997 in connection with item 123 (b) (United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon) be properly reflected in the summary records of the Committee.

The Chairman made a statement.

Closure of the work of the Fifth Committee of the fifty-first session of the General Assembly

The acting Chairman of the Committee read out a letter addressed to the Bureau and Members of the Fifth Committee from the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. N.F. Sengwe (Zimbabwe).

Statements were made by the representatives of Armenia (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Côte d'Ivoire (on behalf of the African States) and the Syrian Arab Republic (on behalf of the Asian States), Uruguay (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States) and Liechtenstein (on behalf of the Western European and Other States).

The Chairman declared closed the work of the Fifth Committee at the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly.

Monday, 15 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

107th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 107th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No 1997/179).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa. Opened for signature at Paris on 14 October 1994

Ratification: Democratic Republic of the Congo (12 September 1997)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 17 September 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

11.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Croatia*

Other matters

Iraq

Briefing by Ambassador Richard Butler, Executive Chairman of the Special Commission established by the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 9 (b) (i) of Security Council resolution 687 (1991)

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* Possibly followed by a formal meeting.

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 864 (1993) CONCERNING
THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA

3.30 p.m.	12th (closed) meeting	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

3 p.m.	3rd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Election of a Vice-President of the General Assembly.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Immediately following the plenary meeting of the General Assembly	1st meeting	Conference Room 4

Organization of work of the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/52/1).

Committees

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

11.30 a.m.	1st meeting	Conference Room 6

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft report: proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Chapter II

2. Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 1997

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	43rd meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	44th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. UNFPA: Implementation and monitoring of technical support services arrangements [7] (DP/1997/16)

2. UNFPA: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters: Annual financial review 1996 and Budget estimates 1998-1999 including evaluation of training activities [7] (DP/FPA/13; DP/FPA/1997/14; DP/FPA/1997/15; DP/FPA/1997/16 and DP/FPA/1997/11)

3. Other matters: Terms of reference of the WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health [10] (DP/FPA/1997/17)

[There will be a meeting of the donors group *today* at 9 a.m. in Conference Room D.]

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Wednesday, 17 September 1997

ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN STATES

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

GENERAL BRIEFING FOR NEW DELEGATES ON THE WORK OF THE FIFTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

GROUP OF 77
(on the draft ministerial declaration)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

(at the ambassadorial level)

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3.30 p.m.-4.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

RIO GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

5 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Thursday, 18 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee of the General Assembly will hold its 2nd meeting on Friday, 19 September 1997, at 4 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.2/52/L.1. A note by the Secretariat on the state of preparation of documentation is contained in document A/C.2/52/L.1/Add.1.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Friday, 19 September 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3, for the purpose of electing its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its programme of work.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Asian Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Thursday, 18 September 1997, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

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There will be an informal meeting of interested delegations with UNDP Resident Representatives present in New York on Thursday, 18 September 1997, from 1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean States Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Friday, 19 September 1997, from 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Eastern European States Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Friday, 19 September 1997, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 15 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

107th plenary meeting

Tribute to the memory of H.E. Mr. Abdul Rahim Ghafoorzai, Prime Minister of the Islamic State of Afghanistan, and H.E. Mr. Khabouji N'zaji Lukabu, Chargé d'Affaires of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The President made a statement.

The General Assembly observed a minute of silence.

The Assembly heard statements by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic (on behalf of the Asian States), Armenia (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Uruguay (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Liechtenstein (on behalf of the Western European and other States), Guinea-Bissau (on behalf of the African States) and the United States (as the host country).

Statements were made by the representatives of Afghanistan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/51/780/Add.8) [119]

The General Assembly took note that Grenada, Guinea-Bissau and Seychelles had made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly and organization of work: request for the reopening of the consideration of agenda item 166 (Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the former Yugoslavia since 1991): note by the Secretary-General (A/51/968) [8]

The General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, decided to reopen consideration of agenda item 166 entitled "Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the former Yugoslavia since 1991" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting. The Assembly further agreed to give it immediate consideration.

Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the former Yugoslavia since 1991 [166]

(a) Letter from the Secretary-General (A/51/958)

(b) Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/51/976)

The representative of the Secretary-General made a statement.

The General Assembly decided to endorse the recommendation of the Secretary-General, endorsed by the Security Council in its resolution 1126 (1997) of 27 August 1997, that Judges Karibi-Whyte, Odio Benito and Jan, once replaced as members of the International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, would finish the Celebici case, which they had already begun before expiry of their terms of office, and took note of the intention of the International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia to finish the case before November 1998.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 166.

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization [10]:

(a) Report of the High-level open-ended Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations (A/51/43);

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/973)

(c) Draft decision (A/51/43, para. 18);

(d) Draft resolution (A/51/L.78)

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Fifth Committee.

The Assembly adopted the draft decision contained in paragraph 18 of the report of the Working Group (A/51/43)

The representative of Cape Verde made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/51/L.78.

The representative of Luxembourg made a statement (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia).

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/51/L.78 (resolution 51/242).

The President made a statement.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 10.

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [47]:

(a) Report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council (A/51/47 and Corr.1);

(b) Draft decision (A/51/47, para. 10)

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Working Group in paragraph 10 of its report (A/51/47).

The President made a statement.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 47.

The situation in Burundi [43]

The Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 43 to its fifty-second session and to include it in the draft agenda of that session.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 43.

Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields [46]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 46 and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-second session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 46.

Question of Cyprus [58]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 58 and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-second session.

The Assembly concluded its consideration of agenda item 58.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons [167]

The President recalled that at its 100th plenary meeting on 22 May 1997, the General Assembly adopted resolution 51/230.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 167.

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [115]

The Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 115 and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-second session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 115.

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission of El Salvador [127]

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 127.

Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia [128]

The Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 128 and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-second session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 128.

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II [130]

The Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 130 and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-second session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 130.

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique [131]

The Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 131 and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-second session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 131.

Financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Mission for Verification of Human Rights and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala [165]

The President recalled that at its 95th plenary meeting on 3 April 1997, the General Assembly adopted resolution 51/228.

The President further informed the Assembly that an item entitled "Financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala" had been included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-second session.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 165.

Reports of the Fifth Committee

The Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee introduced the reports of the Fifth Committee on agenda items 112, 116, 118, 119, 140 (a) and 141.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/922/Add. 1 and 2) [112]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of part II of its report (A/51/922/Add. 1)

The Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 13 of part III of its report (A/51/922/Add.2) (resolution 51/243).

The Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 14 of the same document.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Cuba.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 112

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997: report of the Fifth Committee (Part IV) (A/51/750/Add .3) [116]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of Part IV of its report (A/51/750/Add.3).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 116.

Pattern of conferences: report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/742/Add .1) [118]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of Part II of its report (A/51/742/Add.1) (resolution 51/211 F)

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 118.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/747/Add. 2) [119]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of Part III of its report (A/51/747/Add.2).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 119.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/753/Add. 3) [140 (a)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of Part IV of its report (A/51/753/Add.3) (resolution 51/239 B).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 140 (a).

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 140 as a whole.

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of the Internal Oversight Services: report of the Fifth Committee (Part II) (A/51/741/Add.1) [141]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of Part II of its report (A/51/741/Add.1).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 141.

Agenda items remaining for consideration during the fifty-first session of the General Assembly

The President recalled that the following agenda items, on which action had been taken by the General Assembly at previous plenary meetings, still remained for consideration during the fifty-first session of the Assembly:

Item 12	Report of the Economic and Social Council
Item 17	Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections
Item 21	Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance
Item 33	The situation in the Middle East
Item 32	Question of Palestine
Item 37	The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti
Item 39	The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security
Item 40	The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development
Item 56	The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina
Item 97	Environment and sustainable development
Item 110	Human rights questions
Item 111	Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors
Item 114	Programme planning
Item 120	Human resources management
Item 121	United Nations common system
Item 122	United Nations pension system
Item 123	Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East
Item 124	Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission

Item 125 Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991)

Item 126 Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

Item 129 Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters

Item 132 Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Item 133 Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

Item 134 Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti

Item 135 Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia

Item 136 Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda

Item 137 Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Item 138 Financing of the United Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

Item 139 Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Item 153 Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Item 154 Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium

Item 155 Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force

Item 157 Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti

Item 168 United Nations reform: measures and proposals

The President recalled that these items had been included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-second session of the Assembly with the exception of item 120 which would be included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-third session of the Assembly.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of the aforementioned items.

Closure of the fifty-first session

The President made a statement

The General Assembly observed a minute of silent prayer or meditation.

The President then declared closed the fifty-first session of the General Assembly.

Tuesday, 16 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

1st and 2nd plenary meetings

Note: The summary of the 1st and 2nd plenary meetings of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/180).

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES 1483rd meeting

Adoption of the agenda

The Committee approved the agenda, without objection.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that the delegation of Argentina had requested to participate in the concluding session of the Committee.

The Committee decided to accede to the request.

Tribute to Dr. Farouk Al-Attar, Minister Counsellor, Syrian Arab Republic, and former Rapporteur of the Special Committee

The Chairman made a statement.

The Chairman requested the Committee to stand for one minute in silent tribute to his memory.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Iraq, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Chile, Bolivia, Tunisia, Indonesia, New Zealand (administering Power), Grenada, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Fiji, Portugal (administering Power), the Russian Federation, Antigua and Barbuda and Trinidad and Tobago, as well as by the representatives of Argentina and the Office of the Permanent Observer for the League of Arab States.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

Volcanic eruption in Montserrat

The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, extended his deepest sympathy to the Government and people of Montserrat for the tragic loss of life and extensive injuries to its people, as well as for the extensive material damage resulting from the series of volcanic eruptions in the Territory.

The Committee, on the proposal of the Chairman, decided to accede to the request of the Citizens and Friends of Montserrat to transmit their petitions to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Statements were made by the Chairman as well as by the representative of Antigua and Barbuda.

Activities of foreign economic interests and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under their colonial domination (A/AC.109/L.1864)

The Chairman drew a draft resolution, contained in document A/AC.109/L.1864, as well as to the amendments to the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the amendments without a vote.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as a whole, as amended, without a vote.

Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration (A/AC.109/L.1865)

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement on a point of clarification.

The Chairman drew attention to the draft decision contained in document A/AC.109/L.1865.

The Committee adopted the draft decision, without a vote, with the understanding that the reservations expressed by the representative of the Russian Federation would be reflected in the record of the meeting.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (A/AC.109/L.1866; A/AC.109/L.1867; E/1997/81 and Add.1; A/52/185)

The Chairman drew members' attention to the report by the Secretary-General (A/52/185) and to the related reports of the Chairman of the Committee and the President of the Economic and Social Council (A/AC.109/L.1866 and E/1997/81 and Add.1 respectively), as well as to the draft resolution on the item (A/AC.109/L.1867).

The representative of Cuba made an oral report of the participation of his delegation, on behalf of the Committee, at the deliberations of the Economic and Social Council on the item, held in Geneva in July 1997.

The Chairman drew attention to the introduction of a new operative paragraph 9 to the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the Russian Federation, Chile, the Syrian Arab Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Cuba and Tunisia, as well as by the Chairman. Further amendments were introduced by the representative of Trinidad and Tobago. The Secretary of the Committee, at the request of the Chairman, read to the Committee the amendments.

The Committee adopted the amendment, as further orally amended, without a vote.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as a whole, as amended, without a vote with the understanding that the reservations expressed by the delegations of the Russian Federation and Chile would be reflected in the record of the meeting.

Election of Rapporteur

The Special Committee unanimously elected Dr. Fayssal Mekdad (Syrian Arab Republic) as Rapporteur of the Special Committee.

Closure of the 1997 session

The Chairman made a closing statement.

The representative of Argentina made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Agreement to Establish the South Center, opened for signature at Geneva on 1 September 1994

Ratification: Islamic Republic of Iran (11 September 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special tribute

A tribute in honour of Mother Teresa will be held on Thursday, 18 September 1997, at 12 noon in Conference Room 3. The meeting is being held by the Department of Public Information, in cooperation with the Pacem In Terris Society. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the representatives of the media and non-governmental organizations are invited.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 18 September 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Central African Republic (S/1997/716)

Somalia (S/1997/715)

Briefing by Mr. Ibrahima Fall, Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs

Cambodia

Briefing by Mr. Alvaro de Soto, Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs

Croatia*

Other matters

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* Possibly followed by a formal meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9.30 a.m. 2nd meeting Conference Room 4

Organization of work of the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/52/1).

The report of the Security Council to the General Assembly has ben issued as document A/52/2.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft report: proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Chapter II

2. Management of peacekeeping assets

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 1997

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	45th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	46th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. UNOPS: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters [5] (DP/1997/26, DP/1997/27, DP/1997/28 and DP/1997/29)

2. Other matters: Terms of reference of the WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health [10] (DP/FPA/1997/17)

3. UNDP: Country, regional and global cooperation frameworks [6] (DP/CCF/ANG/1, DP/CCF/ANL/1, DP/CCF/ARG/1, DP/CCF/ARM/1, DP/CCF/AZE/1, DP/CCF/BAR/1, DP/CCF/BRA/1, DP/CCF/BEN/1, DP/CCF/BOT/1, DP/CCF/BVI/1, DP/CCF/BKF/1, DP/CCF/BUL/1, DP/CCF/CMB/1, DP/CCF/CMR/1, DP/CCP/CHD/1, DP/CCF/CHI/1, DP/CCF/PRC/1, DP/CCF/CUB/1, DP/CCF/DMI/1, DP/CCF/DOM/1, DP/CCP/ELS/1, DP/CCF/FIJ/1, DP/CCF/FSM/1, DP/CCF/GAB/1, DP/CCP/GEO/1, DP/CCP/GRN/1, DP/CCF/GBS/1, DP/CCF/GUY/1, DP/CCF/HON/1, DP/CCF/JAM/1,DP/CCF/KIR/1, DP/CCF/DRK/1, DP/CCP/MAL/1, DP/CCF/MLW/1, DP/CCF/MDV/1, DP/CCF/MAT/1, DP/CCF/MAS/1, DP/CCF/MAR/1, DP/CCF/MEX/1, DP/CCF/MOT/1, DP/CCF/NEP/1, DP/CCP/NIR/1, DP/CCF/NIU/1, DP/CCF/PAK/1, DP/CCP/PAU/1, DP/CCP/PER/1, DP/CCF/PHI/1, DP/CCF/RUS/1, DP/CCF/STH/1, DP/CCF/STL/1, DP/CCF/STV/1, DP/CCF/SAM/1, DP/CCF/STP/1, DP/CCF/SEN/1, DP/CCF/SEY/1, DP/CCF/SVN/1, DP/CCF/SOI/1, DP/CCF/SAF/1, DP/CCF/SRL/1, DP/CCF/SWA/1, DP/CCF/THA/1, DP/CCP/TON/1, DP/CCF/TRI/1, DP/CCP/TUK/1, DP/CCF/TUV/1, DP/CCF/UKR/1, DP/CCF/URU/1, DP/CCF/VAN/1, DP/CCF/VEN/1, DP/CCF/MCD/1, DP/CCF/YUG/1, DP/CCP/ZIM/1, DP/CP/ALB/5/EXTENSION I, DP/CP/ANT/3/EXTENSION I, DP/CP/CAY/3/EXTENSION I, DP/CCF/COS/5/EXTENSION I, DP/CCF/PAR/5/EXTENSION I, DP/CP/STK/3/ EXTENSION I, DP/CP/TCI/3/EXTENSION I)

[There will be a meeting of the donors group *today* at 9 a.m. in Conference Room D.]

[There will be an informal meeting of interested delegations with UNDP Resident Representatives present in New York *today*, 18 September 1997, from 1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room D.]

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 18 September 1997

ALLIANCE OF SMALL ISLAND STATES

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES
(on the revised draft ministerial communiqué)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

GENERAL BRIEFING FOR NEW DELEGATES ON THE WORK OF THE FIFTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

AFRO-ARAB GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(on the draft ministerial declaration)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
(at the ambassadorial level)

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

ASIAN STATES GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

5 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

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Informal meeting

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia (UNOMIL) will take place *today*, 18 September 1997, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 September 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings from 1 to 19 September will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226), and thereafter in Conference Room E.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 19 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 4th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Organization of work of the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee (A/52/250)*.

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* To be issued.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

4 p.m.	2nd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 3

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	2nd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 8

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee of the General Assembly will hold its 2nd meeting on Friday, 19 September 1997, at 4 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.2/52/L.1. A note by the Secretariat on the state of preparation of documentation is contained in document A/C.2/52/L.1/Add.1.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee of the General Assembly will hold its 2nd meeting on Friday, 19 September 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1, in order to elect its Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur and consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.3/52/L.1. A note by the Secretariat on the state of preparation of documentation is contained in document A/C.3/52/L.1/Add.1.

The list of speakers for the general discussion of items on the agenda of the Third Committee will be opened following the adoption of the organization of work.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee of the General Assembly will hold its 2nd meeting on Friday, 19 September 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3, for the purpose of electing its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its programme of work.

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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DROUGHT AND/OR DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA

Lists of speakers

The first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, will take place in Rome from 29 September to 10 October 1997.

The high-level segment will be held on 7 and 8 and in the morning of 9 October 1997. Statements in this segment will be open to Heads of State or government, ministers and heads of delegation of the States participating in the first session of the Conference of the Parties. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the high-level segment is now open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: 963-5742; fax: 963-5935).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The first session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development will be held from 1 to 3 October 1997 in Conference Room 4. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document E/CN.17/IFF/1997/1.

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The Executive Board will hold a workshop on "Narrowing the Focus: UNDP Core Development Services" on Monday, 22 September 1997, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Friday, 19 September 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean States Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Friday, 19 September 1997, from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Eastern European States Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Friday, 19 September 1997, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Briefings for new delegates to the General Assembly

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing the following briefings for the new delegates to the General Assembly:

1. Special briefing on the work of the Second Committee of the General Assembly on Friday, 19 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Conference Room 1).

2. Special briefing on the work of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly on Friday, 19 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Conference Room 3)

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Presentation

An informal presentation, by Mr. Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations, will take place on Monday, 29 September 1997, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The presentation will include: Mr. James D. Wolfensohn's presentation at the Annual Meetings in Hong Kong (video); and a brief discussion of the World Bank's Annual Report for 1997. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the representatives of the non-governmental organizations are invited.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 16 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

1st plenary meeting

Opening of the fifty-second session

The temporary President, H.E. Mr. Razali Ismail, Chairman of the delegation of Malaysia, declared the fifty-second session opened.

The temporary President made a statement in the course of which he invited the General Assembly to observe the International Day of Peace as proclaimed by the Assembly in its resolution 36/67 of 30 November 1981.

The temporary President then invited the General Assembly to observe a minute of silence.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/52/350) [122]

The General Assembly took note of a letter by the Secretary-General (A/52/350) concerning 12 Member States which were in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the United Nations within the terms of Article 19 of the Charter.

Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [3]

On the proposal of the temporary President, the General Assembly appointed nine members of the Credentials Committee: Argentina, Barbados, Bhutan, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Norway, Russian Federation, United States and Zambia.

Election of the President of the General Assembly [4]

The General Assembly proceeded to the election of the President. H.E. Mr. Hennadiy Udovenko (Ukraine) was elected President of the fifty-second session of the Assembly by acclamation.

The President made a statement.

Election of the officers of the Main Committees [5]

The Main Committees of the General Assembly held consecutive meetings for the purpose of electing their chairmen.

FIRST COMMITTEE

The representative of Belarus made a statement.

Mr. Mothusi D.C. Nkgowe (Botswana) was elected Chairman of the First Committee.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Machivenyika Tobias Mapuranga (Zimbabwe) was elected Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).

SECOND COMMITTEE

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Oscar de Rojas (Venezuela) was elected Chairman of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

The representative of Germany made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh) was elected Chairman of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

The representative of Venezuela made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Peter Tomka (Slovakia) was elected Chairman of the Sixth Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

Statements were made by the representatives of New Zealand and Portugal.

In accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure, the Third Committee proceeded to the election of the Chairman.

Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Alessandro Busacca (Italy) was elected Chairman of the Third Committee.

2nd plenary meeting

The President announced the names of the representatives who had been elected Chairmen of the Main Committees and congratulated them.

Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly [6]

The General Assembly, in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the annex to resolution 33/138, elected by acclamation the following 21 Member States as Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly: China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Guinea, Ireland, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Mongolia, Panama, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Togo, United Kingdom, United States, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/52/340) [8]

The General Assembly adopted the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences contained in a letter from the Chairman of the Committee (A/52/340) to authorize the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund to meet until 19 September 1997.

GENERAL COMMITTEE 1st meeting

Note: The summary of the 1st meeting of the General Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/181).

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Corrigendum

Corrigendum to the summary of the 1483rd meeting of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (see *Journal* No. 1997/179, p. 10): The second paragraph under *Closure of the 1997 session* should read as follows:

Statements were made by the representatives of Chile and Argentina.

Wednesday, 17 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

3rd plenary meeting

Election of a Vice-President of the General Assembly

The President informed the General Assembly that the General Committee for the fifty-second session of the Assembly had not been properly constituted in view of the fact that, contrary to what is provided in rule 38 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, two members of the General Committee, namely, the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) and one Vice-President of the Assembly, were members of the same delegation.

Consequently the General Assembly proceeded to the election of one Vice-President of the Assembly from the African States.

South Africa was elected Vice-President of the General Assembly.

The following States were therefore elected to vice-presidencies of the General Assembly: China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Guinea, Ireland, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Mongolia, Panama, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Togo, United Kingdom, United States and Viet Nam.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 18 December 1990

Accession: Cape Verde (16 September 1997)*

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (and Protocols), concluded at Geneva on 10 October 1980

Accession: Cape Verde (16 September 1997)*

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, opened for signature at Paris on 13 January 1993

Ratification: Guyana (12 September 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special tribute

A tribute in honour of Mother Teresa will be held *today*, 18 September 1997, at 12 noon in Conference Room 3. The meeting is being held by the Department of Public Information, in cooperation with the Pacem In Terris Society. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the representatives of the media and non-governmental organizations are invited.

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 18 September 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 19 September 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Georgia

Briefing by Mr. Liviu Bota, Special Representative of the Secretary-General

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

11 a.m.	4th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Organization of work of the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee (A/52/250).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

4 p.m.	2nd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Election of two Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteur
2. Organization of work (A/52/250, A/C.2/52/L.1 and Add.1)

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Election of officers
2. Organization of work (A/52/250, A/C.3/52/L.1 and L.1/Add.1)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Election of the Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur
2. Organization of work (A/52/250, A/C.5/52/1*)

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* To be issued.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

4 p.m.	1st (closed) meeting (resumed)	Conference Room 8

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Financing of United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi
2. Management of peacekeeping assets
3. Draft report: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Chapter II

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 1997

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	48th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	49th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. UNDP: Country cooperation frameworks and related matters [6] (DP/GCF/1/Rev.1)
2. UNDP: Change management: updated implementation plan [2] (DP/1997/CRP.22)
3. UNDP: Resources and funding strategy [4] (DP/1997/CRP.23, CRP.25)
4. UNFPA: Resource mobilization [8] (DP/FPA/1997/12)
5. Other matters [10]
6. Pending decisions
7. Organizational matters: Draft work plan 1998 of the Executive Board [1] (DP/1997/CRP.21)

[There will be a meeting of the donors group *today* at 9 a.m. in Conference Room 8.]

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 19 September 1997

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES
(on the revised draft ministerial communiqué)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

GROUP OF 77
(on the draft ministerial declaration)

3 p.m.- 4 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

3 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

5 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

GENERAL BRIEFING FOR NEW DELEGATES ON THE WORK OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

GENERAL BRIEFING FOR NEW DELEGATES ON THE WORK OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 22 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 5th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization: presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report on the work of the Organization (A/52/1).

2. Opening of the general debate:

   Brazil

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America.

4. Continuation of the general debate:

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Denmark

   Address by His Excellency The Honourable Major-General Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka, Prime Minister, Minister with Special Responsibility for the Constitution Review and Minister for Regional Development and Multi-Ethnic Affairs of the Republic of Fiji

   United Republic of Tanzania

   Chile

3 p.m. 6th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Dr. Arnoldo Alemán Lacayo, President of the Republic of Nicaragua.

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Leonid D. Kuchma, President of the Ukraine.

3. Continuation of the general debate:

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Mohammad Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

   Norway

   South Africa

   Czech Republic

   Georgia

   Islamic Republic of Iran

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 1

WORKING GROUP PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

Morning*	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

* Following the adjournment of the 2nd meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DROUGHT AND/OR DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The first session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development will be held from 1 to 3 October 1997 in Conference Room 4. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document E/CN.17/IFF/1997/1.

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The Executive Board will hold a workshop on "Narrowing the Focus: UNDP Core Development Services" on Monday, 22 September 1997, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Presentation

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SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 17 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

GENERAL COMMITTEE 1st meeting

Organization of the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/52/1)

Section I

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the provisions reproduced in annexes V, VI, VII and VIII of its rules of procedure.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 4 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Organization of the session (Section II)

Section II.A

The General Committee took note of rule 40 of the rules of procedure, General Assembly decision 34/401, Assembly resolution 39/88 B and the annex to resolution 45/45.

Section II.B

The General Committee took note of paragraphs 6 and 7 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

In connection with paragraph 8 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General, the General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 5 of the annex to its resolution 45/45 and to paragraph 23 of annex I to its resolution 50/227.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 9 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Section II.C

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the fifty-second session should recess not later than Tuesday, 16 December 1997.

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the fact that the closing date of the fifty-second session would be subject to the implementation of resolution 51/241 of 31 July 1997.

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that all the Main Committees begin their work as soon as possible and complete their work by Friday, 28 November 1997.

Section II.D

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the suggestions contained in paragraphs 11 to 13 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General, including the recommendation that, as a cost saving measure, plenary meetings and meetings of the Main Committees, including informals, be adjourned by 6 p.m. and that no meetings be held on weekends. The Committee also recommended that this cost-saving measure should apply, for the remainder of 1997, to meetings on the calendar of conferences and meetings. The Committee further recommended that, in order to avoid the late start of meetings, the General Assembly should waive the requirements of the presence of at least one third of the members to declare a plenary meeting open and to permit the debate to proceed and of at least one quarter of the members to declare a meeting of a Main Committee open and permit the debate to proceed.

Section II.E

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the suggestions contained in paragraphs 14 to 16 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General concerning the duration of the general debate (beginning on Monday, 22 September and ending on Friday, 10 October 1997), the closure of the list of speakers (to close on Wednesday, 24 September, at 6 p.m.), the prohibition of the expression of congratulations in the General Assembly Hall after a speech had been delivered and the departure through Room GA-200 of speakers after delivering their statements.

Section II.F

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of its decision 34/401, concerning explanations of vote and rights of reply.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that points of order be limited to five minutes.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly, as it did at recent sessions, to rules 72 and 114 of the rules of procedure and paragraph 22 of annex VI thereto concerning length of statements for appropriate action in plenary meetings and the Main Committees.

Section II.G

The General Committee took note of paragraph 20 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

The General Committee also decided to recommend to the General Assembly that its decision not to reproduce in *extenso* statements made in a Main Committee should be maintained for the fifty-second session.

Section II.H

The General Committee was informed that Honduras was the name drawn for the purpose of occupying the first desk on the General Assembly floor and from which the seating order would begin.

Section II.I

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the need for the full implementation of paragraph 17 of its decision 34/401 concerning concluding statements.

Section II.J

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 32 of its decision 34/401, to recommendation 3 (f) of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, to paragraph 5 of Assembly resolution 48/264, to paragraph 24 of annex I to Assembly resolution 50/227, and to paragraphs 1 and 10 of the annex to Assembly resolution 45/45.

Section II.K

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 28 of its decision 34/401 relating to reports of the Secretary-General or subsidiary organs.

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 6 of its resolution 48/264 and to paragraph 4 of its resolution 50/206 C.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 30 concerning control of documentation.

Section II.L

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the provisions contained in paragraphs 31, 32, 33 and 34 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General concerning questions related to the programme budget.

Section II.M

The General Committee decided to endorse the suggestions contained in paragraphs 35 and 36.

Section II.N

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the recommendations referred to in paragraphs 37 and 38 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Section II.O

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the Assembly should authorize the meetings of the subsidiary organs referred to in paragraph 39 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Observations and proposals on the organization of future sessions of the General Assembly (Section III)

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to resolution 51/241, especially to section VI of the annex to the resolution.

The representative of Ireland made a statement.

Adoption of the agenda (Section IV)

The General Committee took note of paragraphs 43 and 44, dealing with the rationalization of the agenda, including paragraphs 4 and 5 (a) and (c) of annex I to General Assembly resolution 48/264.

In this connection, the attention of the General Committee was drawn to paragraph 24 of the annex to resolution 51/241.

Items 1 to 6

The General Committee took note that the General Assembly had already dealt with items 1 to 6 of the draft agenda.

Items 7 to 93

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include these items in the agenda.

Item 94

Statements were made by the representatives of Togo and Greece.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that consideration of this item be deferred to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly and that it be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

Item 95

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt and Greece.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that consideration of this item be deferred to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly and that it be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

Item 96

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Croatia, at his request, to take a place at the Committee's table.

The representative of Croatia made a statement.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Items 97

The representative of Venezuela made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Items 98 to 156

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include these items in the agenda.

Item 157

The representative of Mongolia made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 158

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 159

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Bangladesh, Mongolia, the Russian Federation, Egypt, Mexico and Ireland.

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedures, statements were made by the representatives of Solomon Islands, Honduras, Senegal, Swaziland, Burkina Faso, the Gambia, Liberia, Nicaragua, Chad, Dominica, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau and El Salvador.

The General Committee decided to invite the representatives of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Kuwait, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Nepal, Argentina, Afghanistan, the United Republic of Tanzania, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, the Bahamas, Papua New Guinea, Colombia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Pakistan, Myanmar, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba, Italy, Cyprus, Zambia, Malawi, Brazil and Belarus, at their requests, to take their places at the Committee's table.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Kuwait, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Nepal, Argentina, Afghanistan, the United Republic of Tanzania, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, the Bahamas, Papua New Guinea, Colombia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Pakistan, Myanmar, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba, Italy, Cyprus, Zambia, Malawi, Brazil and Belarus.

The General Committee decided not to recommend the inclusion of this item in the agenda.

Thursday, 18 September 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

3818th meeting

Tribute to the memory of the victims of the United Nations helicopter crash in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council.

The Council observed a minute of silence.

The situation in Croatia

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Croatia and Germany, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1997/45).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

GENERAL COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

Note: The summary of the 2nd meetingof the General Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/182).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the Conference of the States Parties on 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Canada (17 September 1997)*

Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, between States and International Organizations or between International Organizations, concluded at Vienna on 21 March 1986

Ratification: Netherlands (18 September 1997)*

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 22 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 5th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization: presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report on the work of the Organization (A/52/1) [10].

2. Opening of the general debate [9]:

   Brazil

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America.

(continued overleaf)

Announcement

A ministerial meeting of the Security Council will be held on Thursday, 25 September 1997, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, to consider "The situation in Africa".

The provisional list of speakers (No. 6) for the general debate of the fifty-second session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Secretariat Services Branch (Room S-3670).

4. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Denmark

   Address by His Excellency The Honourable Major-General Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka, Prime Minister, Minister with Special Responsibility for the Constitution Review and Minister for Regional Development and Multi-Ethnic Affairs of the Republic of Fiji

   United Republic of Tanzania

   Chile

3 p.m.	6th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Dr. Arnoldo Alemán Lacayo, President of the Republic of Nicaragua.
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Leonid D. Kuchma, President of Ukraine.
3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Mohammad Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

   Norway

   South Africa

   Czech Republic

   Georgia

   Islamic Republic of Iran

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 1

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

Morning*-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

* Following the adjournment of the 2nd meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft report: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Chapter II
2. Financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations: Arbitration of disputes involving the United Nations (A/51/903)

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME AND OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS (CCPOQ)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

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Monday, 22 September 1997

RIO GROUP

9 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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There will be a closed meeting of the Presidents of Central America with the President of Paraguay on Monday, 22 September 1997, from 5.45 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

GROUP OF 15

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES
(on the revised draft ministerial communiqué)

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3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 23 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 7th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Address by His Excellency Mr. Marc Forné Molné, Prime Minister of the Principality of Andorra

Togo

Luxembourg

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Russian Federation

Latvia

Nigeria

3 p.m. 8th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Juan Carlos Wasmosy, President of the Republic of Paraguay.

2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Japan

   Finland

   Netherlands

   Portugal

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Alvaro Arzú Irigoyen, President of the Republic of Guatemala.

4. Address by His Excellency Mr. José María Figueres Olsen, President of the Republic of Costa Rica.

5. Address by His Excellency Dr. Armando Calderón Sol, President of the Republic of El Salvador.

6. Address by His Excellency Mr. Carlos Roberto Reina Idiaquez, President of the Republic of Honduras.

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for all items allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/52/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its second meeting) on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 3 p.m. sharp, with agenda item 102 (Social development). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248; telefax: 212-963-5935).

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Briefing

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson, will brief non-governmental organizations on Wednesday, 1 October 1997, at 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Secretariat and agency staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 18 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

GENERAL COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

Item 160

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement.

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, statements were made by the representatives of Senegal, Nicaragua, the Philippines and El Salvador.

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Guatemala, at his request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

The representative of Guatemala made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 161

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Pakistan, at his request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

The representative of Pakistan made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 162

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Allocations of items (Section V)

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 4 of its decision 34/401, paragraph 5 of the annex to Assembly resolution 39/88 B, paragraph 6 of the annex to Assembly resolution 45/45 and paragraphs 2 and 5 (b) and (d) of annex I to Assembly resolution 48/264 concerning the allocation and clustering of items.

Item 157

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 157 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee as a sub-item of the item 148.

Item 158

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 158 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Item 160

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 160 should be considered directly in the plenary meeting.

Item 162

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 162 should be considered directly in the plenary meeting.

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it hear a brief presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report on the work of the organization on Monday, 22 September, as the first item in the morning prior to the opening of the general debate.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the suggested allocation of various parts of the report of the Economic and Social Council, as contained in paragraph 49 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that all the chapters of the report of the Special Committee relating to specific Territories should be referred to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), so that the General Assembly might deal in plenary meeting with the question of the implementation of the Declaration as a whole.

Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 48 should be considered directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that bodies and individuals having an interest in the question would be heard in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in conjunction with the consideration of the item in plenary meeting.

Question of Cyprus

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 61 should be allocated at an appropriate time during the session.

Disarmament/IAEA report

The General Committee decided to recommend that the paragraphs of the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency dealing with the subject matter of item 71 should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of that item.

Advancement of women

The General Committee decided, regarding item 107, to recommend that the annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the United Nations Development Fund for Women should be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 101 of the draft agenda.

Joint Inspection Unit

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 120 of the draft agenda (Joint Inspection Unit) should be allocated to the Fifth Committee, on the understanding that the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit dealing with subject matters assigned to other Main Committees would be referred also to those Committees.

Plenary items

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, the United States, Mexico, Slovakia, the Syrian Arab Republic and Cuba.

The General Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation including items 160 and 162 and excluding item 61.

First Committees items

The General Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of the items.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The General Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation, taking into account its decision on the item entitled "Questions of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India", and its decision on the item entitled "Question of East Timor".

Second Committee

The General Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of the items.

Third Committee

The General Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of the items.

Fifth Committee

The General Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of the items.

Sixth Committee

The General Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of the items, including item 158 and under item 148 the additional sub-item entitled "Draft guiding principles for international negotiation".

Friday, 19 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

4th plenary meeting

Organization of work of the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocations of the items: first report of the General Committee (A/52/250) [8]

The General Assembly considered the first report of the General Committee circulated in document A/52/250.

Introduction (Section I)

Organization of the session (Section II)

Observations on the organization of future sessions of the General Assembly (Section III)

The General Assembly took note of the provisions and approved the recommendations contained in Sections I, II and III of the report of the General Committee.

Adoption of the agenda (Section IV)

The President of the General Assembly recalled rule 23 of the rules of procedures.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 40, that it would direct its Main Committees to review their agenda with a view to streamlining their programme of work.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 41, that the consideration of item 94 be deferred to the fifty-third session and that the item should be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 42, that the consideration of item 95 be deferred to the fifty-third session and that the item should be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 43 to include item 157 as a sub-item of item 148.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 44 to include item 158.

In paragraph 45, the General Assembly was informed that the General Committee had decided not to recommend the inclusion of item 159.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 46 to include item 160.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 47 to include item 162.

Inclusion of items

The General Assembly then proceeded to consider the agenda recommended for adoption by the General Committee in paragraph 48 of its report (A/52/250).

Items 1 to 6

The General Assembly took note of the fact that items 1 to 6 had already been acted upon in plenary meeting and their inclusion approved.

Item 7 to 158

The General Assembly approved the inclusion in the agenda of items 7 to 158.

Allocation of the items (Section V)

The General Assembly took note of the provisions contained in paragraph 49 of the report of the General Committee (A/52/250).

The President of the General Assembly recalled that the item numbers mentioned in subsequent paragraphs referred to the agenda which appeared in paragraph 48 of the report.

In regard to item 10, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 50 (a) (i).

In regard to item 18, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 50 (a) (ii).

In regard to item 48, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 50 (a) (iii).

In regard to item 61, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 50 (a) (iv).

In regard to item 156, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 50 (a) (v).

In regard to item 158, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 50 (a) (vi).

In regard to item 71, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 50 (b).

In regard to item 105, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 50 (c).

In regard to item 118, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 50 (d).

In regard to item 146 (c), the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 50 (e) (i).

In regard to item 155, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 50 (e) (ii).

The representative of Pakistan made a statement.

Taking into account the decisions just adopted, the General Assembly approved the allocation of the items listed in paragraph 51 for consideration directly in the plenary meeting.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, France and Swaziland.

Taking into account the decisions just adopted the General Assembly approved the allocation of items proposed in paragraph 51 for the First Committee, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), the Second, Third, Fifth and Sixth Committees.

The President made a statement.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

Election of officers

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer (Austria), as Vice-Chairman of the Committee. Mr. Rae Kwon Chung (Republic of Korea) was elected, by acclamation, as Rapporteur.

The election of one Vice-Chairman was postponed.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Chairman made a statement.

Organization of work

The Committee had before it document A/C.2/52/L.1 and L.1/Add.1.

The Chief of the Documentation Programming and Monitoring Section gave the Committee additional information regarding the status of documentation, as contained in document A/C.2/52/L.1/Add.1.

The Secretary of the Committee made oral amendments to the programme of work, as contained in document A/C.2/52/L.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77), Cuba, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), the Syrian Arab Republic, the United States and Papua New Guinea.

The Secretary of the Committee responded to questions raised.

The Committee then approved the programme of work, as orally revised, with the understanding that additional changes could be made during the course of the Committee's deliberations.

THIRD COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

A statement was made by the representative of Canada.

The Chairperson made a statement.

Election of officers

The Committee elected by acclamation Mr. Choe Myong Nam (Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea) and Mr. Karim Wissa (Egypt) as Vice-Chairpersons and Ms. Monica Martinez (Ecuador) as Rapporteur of the Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairperson drew the Committee's attention to the relevant recommendations contained in document A/52/250, as well as the proposed organization of work (document A/C.3/52/L.1), the status of documentation before the Committee (document A/C.3/52/L.1/Add.1) and General Assembly resolution 50/206C on control and limitation of documentation.

Following a suspension of the meeting, the Committee approved its programme of work for the session, as contained in document A/C.3/52/L.1.

The Committee agreed to set the following time limits for statements in the general discussion: 7 minutes for statements by individual delegations and 15 minutes for spokespersons of groups of delegations. It was also agreed that this time limit would apply to the Secretariat.

The Committee's attention was drawn to the provisions of General Assembly decision 34/401 regarding interventions in exercise of the right of reply and points of order.

The Committee decided to extend invitations to a number of Special Rapporteurs and Representatives to present their reports to the Committee at the present session under agenda item 110 (c).

The representative of Luxembourg made a statement on behalf of the European Union.

Delegations were informed that the list of speakers was open for all items and that they should inscribe at the earliest possible date with the Secretary of the Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

Election of the Vice-Chairmen

The Committee elected, by acclamation, H.E. Ms. Nazareth A. Incera (Costa Rica) and Professor Erica-Irene Daes (Greece), Vice-Chairmen of the Committee.

Election of Rapporteur

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Dhjamel Moktefi (Algeria), Rapporteur of the Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement and proposed, on behalf of the Bureau, a suggested programme of work for the Fifth Committee.

Statements concerning the proposed programme of work were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United States, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Cuba, Slovakia, Mexico and Egypt.

The Chairman of the Committee, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Controller made statements in response to questions raised during the discussion.

The Chairman announced that a detailed programme of work as approved, which would also take into account the comments made, and a list of documents before the Committee would be issued in all the official languages, would be available in time for the Committee's next meeting scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 30 September, at 3 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of September has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Guinea-Bissau
H.E. Mr. Alfredo Lopes Cabral

Asian States:
Syrian Arab Republic
H.E. Mr. Mikhail Wehbe

Eastern European States:
Armenia
Mr. Movses Abelian
Chargé d'Affaires

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Uruguay
H.E. Mr. Jorge Pérez-Otermin

Western European and Other States:
Liechtenstein
H.E. Mrs. Claudia Fritsche

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Film

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 23 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 7th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Address by His Excellency Mr. Marc Forné Molné, Prime Minister of the Principality of Andorra

Togo

Luxembourg

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Russian Federation

Latvia

Nigeria

(continued overleaf)

Announcement

A ministerial meeting of the Security Council will be held on Thursday, 25 September 1997, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, to consider "The situation in Africa".

The provisional list of speakers (No. 6) for the general debate of the fifty-second session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Secretariat Services Branch (Room S-3670).

3 p.m.	8th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Juan Carlos Wasmosy, President of the Republic of Paraguay.

2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Japan

   Finland

   Portugal

   Netherlands

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Alvaro Arzú Irigoyen, President of the Republic of Guatemala.

4. Address by His Excellency Mr. José María Figueres Olsen, President of the Republic of Costa Rica.

5. Address by His Excellency Dr. Armando Calderón Sol, President of the Republic of El Salvador.

6. Address by His Excellency Mr. Carlos Roberto Reina Idiaquez, President of the Republic of Honduras.

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft report: UNHCR

2. United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/52/303); Draft report: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Chapter II (Section 27)

3. Reform of the procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment (A/51/967)

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME AND OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS (CCPOQ)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 23 September 1997

GROUP OF 15

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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There will be a closed meeting of five Presidents of Central America with the Secretary-General of the United Nations *today*, 23 September 1997, at 12 noon in Conference Room 5.

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES
(on the revised draft ministerial communiqué)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 September 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings as of 19 September will take place at 3.30 p.m. Conference Room E.

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 24 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 9th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Cde. Robert G. Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe.

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Kiro Gligorov, President of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Inder Kumar Gujral, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of India

   Germany

   China

   France

   Mexico

3 p.m. 10th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Milan Kučan, President of the Republic of Slovenia.

2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency Dr. Carlos Alberto Wahnon de Carvalho Veiga, Prime Minister of the Republic of Cape Verde

   Lithuania

   Venezuela

   Argentina

   Ghana

   Sweden

   Dominican Republic

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

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10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for all items allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with the programme contained in document A/C.3/52/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its 2nd meeting) on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 3 p.m. sharp. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248; telefax: 212-963-5935 or 963-1712).

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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DROUGHT AND/OR DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA

Lists of speakers

The first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, will take place in Rome from 29 September to 10 October 1997.

The high-level segment will be held on 7 and 8 and in the morning of 9 October 1997. Statements in this segment will be open to Heads of State or government, ministers and heads of delegation of the States participating in the first session of the Conference of the Parties. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the high-level segment is now open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: 963-5742; fax: 963-5935 (from Thursday, 25 September, in Rome, tel.: 570-50346)).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

An informal consultation of the Commission on the Status of Women will be convened by the Bureau of the Commission on Monday, 29 September 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The consultation will begin consideration of the plans for the forty-second session.

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The first session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development will be held from 1 to 3 October 1997 in Conference Room 4. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document E/CN.17/IFF/1997/1.

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The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-first Annual Ministerial Meeting at United Nations Headquarters on Friday, 26 September 1997, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The Twenty-first Annual Ministerial Meeting will be preceded by the Ninth Annual Senior Officials Meeting of the Group of 77, to be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 24 and 25 September 1997, in Conference Room 4.

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Presentation

An informal presentation, by Mr. Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations, will take place on Monday, 29 September 1997, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The presentation will include: Mr. James D. Wolfensohn's presentation at the Annual Meetings in Hong Kong (video); and a brief discussion of the World Bank's Annual Report for 1997. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the representatives of the non-governmental organizations are invited.

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Briefing

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson, will brief non-governmental organizations on Wednesday, 1 October 1997, at 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Secretariat and agency staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 22 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

5th plenary meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization: presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report on the work of the Organization (A/52/1) [10]

The Secretary-General made a presentation of his annual report on the work of the Organization (A/52/1).

Opening of the general debate [9]

The President of the General Assembly reminded the members of the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 4th plenary meeting on 19 September that congratulations should not be expressed inside the General Assembly Hall after a speech had been delivered.

In this connection, the President recalled a decision taken by the Assembly at the same meeting that speakers in the general debate, after having delivered their statements, should leave the Assembly Hall through Room GA-200 at the rear of the podium before returning to their seats.

The President also reminded representatives that the list of speakers would be closed on Wednesday, 24 September 1997, at 6 p.m., and requested delegations to provide estimated speaking times that were as accurate as possible, so that meetings could be planned in an orderly way.

The General Assembly heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Luiz Felipe Palmeira Lamprea, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Brazil.

Address by H.E. Mr. William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America

H.E. Mr. William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

H.E. Mr. Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Denmark, addressed the General Assembly.

H.E. The Honorable Major-General Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka, Prime Minister and Minister with Special Responsibility for the Constitution Review and Minister for Regional Development and Multi-Ethnic Affairs of the Republic of Fiji, addressed the General Assembly.

The Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Honorable Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the United Republic of Tanzania, and H.E. Mr. José Miguel Insulza, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chile.

6th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Dr. Arnoldo Alemán Lacayo, President of the Republic of Nicaragua

H.E. Dr. Arnoldo Alemán Lacayo, President of the Republic of Nicaragua, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Leonid D. Kuchma, President of Ukraine

H.E. Mr. Leonid D. Kuchma, President of Ukraine, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

H.E. Mr. Mohammad Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Bjørn Tore Godal, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway, H.E. Mr. Alfred Baphethuxolo Nzo, Minister for Foreign Affairs of South Africa, H.E. Mr. Josef Zieleniec, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, H.E. Mr. Irakli Menagarishvili, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Georgia, and H.E. Dr. Kamal Kharrazi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

Election of the Bureau

The Committee elected Mr. Rolf Welberts (Germany) as one of its Vice-Chairmen and Mr. Ghassan Obeid (Syrian Arab Republic) as its Rapporteur.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee adopted its programme of work as contained in document A/C.6/52/L.1.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 51/210, the Committee set up a working group to continue the work of the Ad Hoc Committee established by the same resolution, elected H.E. Mr. Philippe Kirsch (Canada) to chair this working group and decided that the working group, like the Ad Hoc Committee, would be open to all States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 51/157, the Committee decided to reestablish the Working Group on the United Nations Decade of International Law. It deferred the election of its Chairman.

A statement was made by the representative of India. The Chairman also spoke.

Upon adjournment of the Committee's meeting, the Working Group set up pursuant to General Assembly resolution 51/210 began its work.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Sixteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 1997

399th meeting

Opening of the session

An opening statement was made by the Acting Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Adoption of the agenda [1]

The Committee adopted its provisional agenda (CRC/C/68).

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 44 of the Convention [3]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

Organizational and other matters [2]

Methods of work of the Committee [8]

The Committee began its consideration of these items in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 21 May 1997

Signature: Venezuela (22 September 1997)

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   Lithuania

   Venezuela

   Argentina

   Ghana

   Sweden

   Dominican Republic

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	5th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

1. Draft report: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Chapter II (Part VI)
2. Financing of the peacekeeping operations: Death and disability benefits

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME AND OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS (CCPOQ)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Wednesday, 24 September 1997

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES
(on the draft declaration on the reform of the Security Council)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

RIO GROUP WITH THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

10 a.m.-12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

NINTH ANNUAL SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING OF THE GROUP OF 77

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

RIO GROUP WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

5.30 p.m.-6.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 September 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings as of 19 September will take place at 3.30 p.m. Conference Room E.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 25 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 11th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Slovakia

Address by His Excellency The Rt. Hon. Percival James Patterson, PC, QC, MP, Prime Minister of Jamaica

Peru

Croatia

Italy

Romania

United Arab Emirates

3 p.m. 12th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Fabián Alarcón Rivera, President of the Republic of Ecuador.

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Ernesto Samper Pizano, President of the Republic of Colombia.

3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Austria

Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdellatif Filali, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Kingdom of Morocco

Guyana

Canada

Ireland

Belgium

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	6th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	7th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for the general debate of the Second Committee, which will begin on Monday, 13 October 1997, is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for all items allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with the programme contained in document A/C.3/52/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its 2nd meeting) on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 3 p.m. sharp. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248). Please note that the faxes at 212-963-5935 and 963-1712 continue to be inoperable for the time being.

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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DROUGHT AND/OR DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA

Lists of speakers

The first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, will take place in Rome from 29 September to 10 October 1997.

The high-level segment will be held on 7 and 8 and in the morning of 9 October 1997. Statements in this segment will be open to Heads of State or government, ministers and heads of delegation of the States participating in the first session of the Conference of the Parties. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the high-level segment is now open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: 963-5742; fax: 963-5935 (from Thursday, 25 September, in Rome, tel.: 570-50346, fax: 5705-0305)).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

An informal consultation of the Commission on the Status of Women will be convened by the Bureau of the Commission on Monday, 29 September 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The consultation will begin consideration of the plans for the forty-second session.

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The first session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development will be held from 1 to 3 October 1997 in Conference Room 4. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document E/CN.17/IFF/1997/1.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

The announcements in this section are reproduced as received.
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of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Thursday, 25 September 1997, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-first Annual Ministerial Meeting at United Nations Headquarters on Friday, 26 September 1997, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Presentation

An informal presentation, by Mr. Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations, will take place on Monday, 29 September 1997, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The presentation will include: Mr. James D. Wolfensohn's presentation at the Annual Meetings in Hong Kong (video); and a brief discussion of the World Bank's Annual Report for 1997. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the representatives of the non-governmental organizations are invited.

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Briefing

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson, will brief non-governmental organizations on Wednesday, 1 October 1997, at 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Secretariat and agency staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 23 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

7th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

H.E. Mr. Marc Forné Molné, President of the Government of the Principality of Andorra, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Koffi Panou, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Togo, H.E. Mr. Jacques F. Poos, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Cooperation of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), H.E. The Rt. Hon. Robin Cook, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, H.E. Mr. Yevgeny M. Primakov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, H.E. Mr. Valdis Birkavs, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Latvia, and H.E. Chief Tom Ikimi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nigeria.

8th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Juan Carlos Wasmosy, President of the Republic of Paraguay

H.E. Mr. Juan Carlos Wasmosy, President of the Republic of Paraguay, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Keizo Obuchi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, H.E. Ms. Tarja Kaarina Halonen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland, H.E. Mr. Jaime Gama, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Portugal, H.E. Mr. H.A.F.M.O. van Mierlo, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands.

Address by H.E. Mr. Alvaro Arzú Irigoyen, President of the Republic of Guatemala

H.E. Mr. Alvaro Arzú Irigoyen, President of the Republic of Guatemala, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. José María Figueres Olsen, President of the Republic of Costa Rica

H.E. Mr. José María Figueres Olsen, President of the Republic of Costa Rica, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Armando Calderón Sol, President of the Republic of El Salvador

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Address by H.E. Mr. Carlos Roberto Reina Idiaquez, President of the Republic of Honduras

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Continuation of the general debate [9]

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Indonesia and Portugal.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Sixteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 1997

400th and 401st meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (CRC/C/8/Add.32).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at those meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, opened for signature at New York on 7 March 1966

Accession: Saudi Arabia (23 September 1997)*

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 December 1984

Accession: Saudi Arabia (23 September 1997)*

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the Conference of the States Parties on 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Mexico (22 September 1997)*

International Coffee Agreement, 1994, adopted by the International Coffee Council on 30 March 1994

Ratification: Ghana (18 September 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, opened for signature at Paris on 14 October 1994

Accession: Kyrgyzstan (19 September 1997)*

Ratification: Zimbabwe (23 September 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Film

The Bureau for Programme and Policy Support of the United Nations Development Programme and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights will hold a presentation and discussion of the film "Amazon Journal" by Producer and Director Geoffrey O'Connor, on Thursday, 25 September 1997, at 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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